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S. RES. 744

Expressing support for the designation of June 28, 2024, as “Stonewall Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 20, 2024

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. WELCH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of June 28, 2024, as “Stonewall Day”.

Whereas, on June 28, 1969, a police raid at Stonewall Inn sparked a days-long community protest that brought the long and ongoing fight for the equality, rights, and freedoms of individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (referred to in this resolution as “LGBTQIA+”) to national attention;

Whereas the United States recognizes the impact of the Stonewall Inn riots (commonly referred to as the “Stonewall Rebellion” or “Stonewall Uprising”) and its significance in LGBTQIA+ history and the fight for equality;

Whereas, on June 28, 1970, the first Pride marches took place in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles to commemorate the 1-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising and demonstrate for equal rights;

Whereas Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, Stormé DeLarverie, and Miss Major Griffin-Gracy were key leaders in the Stonewall Uprising, and the LGBTQIA+ movement has greatly benefitted from their contributions;

Whereas LGBTQIA+ people and their allies have worked together for more than 60 years to make progress towards achieving full equality for all people in the United States, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or sex characteristics;

Whereas LGBTQIA+ individuals still face discriminatory policies, barriers to critical government services, and disregard for their equitable rights across the United States in the realms of affirming health care, employment, education, housing, immigration, and the justice system;

Whereas transgender people and LGBTQIA+ people of color are disproportionately burdened by such barriers, including by facing increased violence and discrimination;

Whereas millions of LGBTQIA+ people—especially LGBTQIA+ youth and transgender individuals—still lack consistent legal protection against discrimination in key areas of life as a result of existing gaps in Federal and State civil rights laws;

Whereas, on June 24, 2016, the Stonewall National Monument was established as the 412th unit of the National Park System, making it the first in the country dedicated to LGBTQIA+ equality;

Whereas, on June 28, 2024, the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center will open at 51 Christopher Street, the location of the Stonewall Uprising, for the purpose of celebrating and honoring the legacy of the Stonewall Rebellion and the birth of the modern LGBTQIA+ civil rights movement;

Whereas Pride Live is a nonprofit organization committed to raising awareness and support for the LGBTQIA+ community and preserving and advancing equality;

Whereas Pride Live has worked with the LGBTQIA+ community to establish Stonewall Day and the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center, which honor the legacy of the Stonewall Rebellion and celebrate the progress made by the LGBTQIA+ civil rights movement;

Whereas the Members of the 118th Congress support the rights and well-being of LGBTQIA+ individuals and recognize the need to dismantle State-sanctioned and government-funded discrimination against LGBTQIA+ people; and

Whereas June 28, 2024, would be an appropriate date to designate as “Stonewall Day”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the equal rights and protections of
3 all people, including LGBTQIA+ people;

4 (2) recognizes the significance of the Stonewall
5 Uprising and its historic role in the equal rights
6 movement for LGBTQIA+ people;

7 (3) supports the designation of June 28, 2024,
8 as “Stonewall Day”;

1 (4) acknowledges that Pride Live will operate
2 the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center as
3 a place where people can learn about and connect
4 with the LGBTQIA+ community’s ongoing struggle
5 for civil rights and liberties; and

6 (5) encourages the celebration of “Stonewall
7 Day” to commemorate the significance of the grand
8 opening of the Stonewall National Monument Visitor
9 Center and the long and ongoing fight for equality.

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